



Charting the Course for Ocean Science in the United States: Research Priorities for the Next Decade

You are invited to attend a public briefing on ***Charting the Course for Ocean Science in the United States: Research Priorities for the Next Decade***, which outlines the national ocean research priorities for the United States for the next ten years. The briefing will be held at **2PM on September 12, 2006** at:

Monmouth University
Urban Coast Institute
Anacon Hall-Rebecca Stafford Student Center
400 Cedar Avenue, West Long Branch, NJ

www.monmouth.edu/about/ataglance/directions.asp

www.monmouth.edu/about/abo_glance_campusmap.asp

Members from the research community, ocean educators, government representatives (federal, state, tribal, and local), industry groups, international representatives, non-governmental organizations, and any interested individuals are invited to attend. **If you plan to attend**, please RSVP to swalker@usgcrp.gov by September 7, 2006. Parking is available in Lots 13, 14, and 18, off of Larchwood Avenue. Please stop at the guard gate and ask for directions.

Called for in the U.S. Ocean Action Plan and developed by the Joint Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology, this draft document, along with a follow-on Implementation Strategy, will describe a vision for U.S. ocean science and technology, highlight key areas of interaction of our society and the ocean, and identify critical ocean research priorities for these areas. This draft document will be available for public comment late summer 2006.

Additional regional briefings and conference presentations on the national ocean research priorities will be held across the country during the next few months. A developing list of the public briefings is located at:

http://ocean.ceq.gov/about/sup_jsost_orpp_outreach.html

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